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SUBJECT: U.S. TRUST FUND PROPOSAL AND THE JANUARY 17
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING.

PASS TREASURY

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1. SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL PASSED TO ALFREDO PHILLIPS,
WHO IS KEY GOM OFFICIAL IN THIS AREA. HE SAID THAT
HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH LOPEZ-PORTILLO, SECRETARY OF
TREASURY AND GOM DELEGATE TO DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE,
EVENING OF JANUARY 8 OR 9, AND WOULD PASS ON MESSAGE.
HE NOTED THAT HE HAD ANTICIPATED U.S. INITIATIVE IN HIS
BRIEFING PAPERS.

2. WHILE HE SAID MEXICO WAS NOT NECESSARILY OPPOSED TO
THE TRUST FUND CONCEPT, IT HAD RESERVATIONS. HE SAID
MEXICO BELIEVES IT PREFERABLE NOT TO FRAGMENT RESOURCES
THROUGH A SEPARATE FUND FOR OECD COUNTRIES AND ANOTHER
FOR MSA'S AS THIS LEAVES THE BULK OF COUNTRIES IN THE
MIDDLE. FRAGMENTING RESOURCES, HE BELIEVES, COULD
INTERFERE WITH THE SMOOTH FLOW OF FUNDS AND END UP WITH
ONE FUND HAVING EXCESS CAPITAL. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE
TRUST FUND CONCEPT WOULD BENEFIT ONLY TWO LATIN AMERICAN
COUNTRIES. HE SAID THAT HE FAVORS A MORE UNIFIED FUND
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APPROACH WHICH WOULD OPERATE ACCORDING TO GUIDELINES WHICH

COULD FAVOR MSA'S.

3. HIS VIEWS, WHICH ARE LIKELY TO PREVAIL IN GOM COUNCILS, REFLECT MEXICO'S CONCERN OVER FINANCING OF ITS PROSPECTIVE CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT.

4. PHILLIPS LEAVING FOR WASHINGTON ON FRIDAY. LOPEZ-PORTILLO LEAVING ON MONDAY. OTHER MEMBERS OF GOM DELEGATION ARE ERNESTO FERNANDEZ HURTADO, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF BANCO DE MEXICO, WHO WILL ATTEND INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETING, AND MIGUEL DE LA MADRID, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CREDIT AT TREASURY. BRANDIN

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